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A CLASS IN HOME-GARDENING WITH THE RESTRICTIONS OF A CLASS ROOM IN THE DENSEST PART OF THE CITY,
IN ONE OF THIRTY-ONE VACATION SCHOOLS

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—PLANS FOR MISSOURI

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI—DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

EXTENSION WORK IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

The University of Missouri has established extension work in Physical Education for the whole State of Missouri. This work will begin in the session of 1907-1908. The detailed work will be carried by an instructor in the Department of Physical Education, who will spend his entire time travelling over the State as an expert on physical training to assist without cost the school authorities and citizens who desire assistance on questions of gymnasium, playground, or athletic organization, equipment, administration and instruction.

The playground movement is but a phase of a larger endeavor, dealing with the life habits, physical development and education of our people. It furnishes facilities for normal healthful bodily activities which carry with them profound moral and social influences, especially if properly directed. Physical education, rightly conceived, covers the playground movement. The latter originated as a special endeavor in providing facilities for a class of people deprived of such facilities by city conditions. Missouri University, however, is constructing a great series of gymnastic-athletic play-fields that will accommodate five thousand men and women. These fields stand distinctly as facilities for gymnastic-athletic educational activities, and not for intercollegiate contests. They are as much a part of the playground movement as the South Park System of Chicago. The department work in this line has been a great success. Now we propose to push this moral-social-playground-physical-training concept out through the schools of the State. Two years' experience in developing seven gymnastic-athletic playgrounds in a juvenile reformatory convinced me that playgrounds were as essential for small town children as for city children, though not for the same social reasons. For nine years I have hoped to see this idea institutionalized in a large way. This hope is now to be realized. As a university extension scheme, I believe it to be of profound importance. It will take the university, its spirit and influence, to people that otherwise are never touched.

An outline of the different phases of the proposed extension work in Physical Education would be as follows:

- I. To develop playgrounds in towns for children and youths and develop organizations for conducting same.
- II. To develop physical training in the public schools of small cities and towns, viz.:
 - A. In secondary schools, by establishing a gymnastic-athletic organization incorporating the playground idea and giving the policies and methods of administration.
 - B. In graded schools, by directions for the development of systematic classes in gymnastics and the establishment of

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playgrounds with apparatus and games adapted to the needs of children. Associated with A. and B. should be organized a Missouri Schoolboys' Athletic League administered by the leading educators of the State.

- C. In primary grades, by developing directed systematic gymnastic and play activities, and by giving Extension Lectures for primary teachers and mothers on the hygienic care and physical development of small children.

III. To organize and conduct Hygienic and Medical Inspection of school children and schools, especially in country districts. This item was suggested by Commissioner of Education Brown, who said this scheme, if organized successfully, "would place Missouri in the lead of all States in Physical Education."

Playground development will be started first. To this will be added broader work than we have been able to do so far with the high schools. The work will spread to the lower schools with the demand.

A tentative outline for a mode of procedure in playground development is as follows:

GATHER INFORMATION.

1. Gather information concerning the educational and social conditions in each town in which work is to be started: population, school population, wealth, etc.
2. Gather information concerning the teachers and citizens who would be interested in the work and give it financial support or, at least, give it their good-will.
3. Investigate the local sites for the construction and development of playgrounds: size, form, grades, character of soil, ownership, cost of preparation, etc.

PRELIMINARY PRESENTATION.

4. Present the subject in a general lecture to the teachers and citizens after rousing some preliminary interest, by sending out literature, pictures, etc., and apply the values of the movement directly to local conditions; then point out sites for playgrounds, the required organization for conducting the work, the cost and the known results from experience elsewhere.

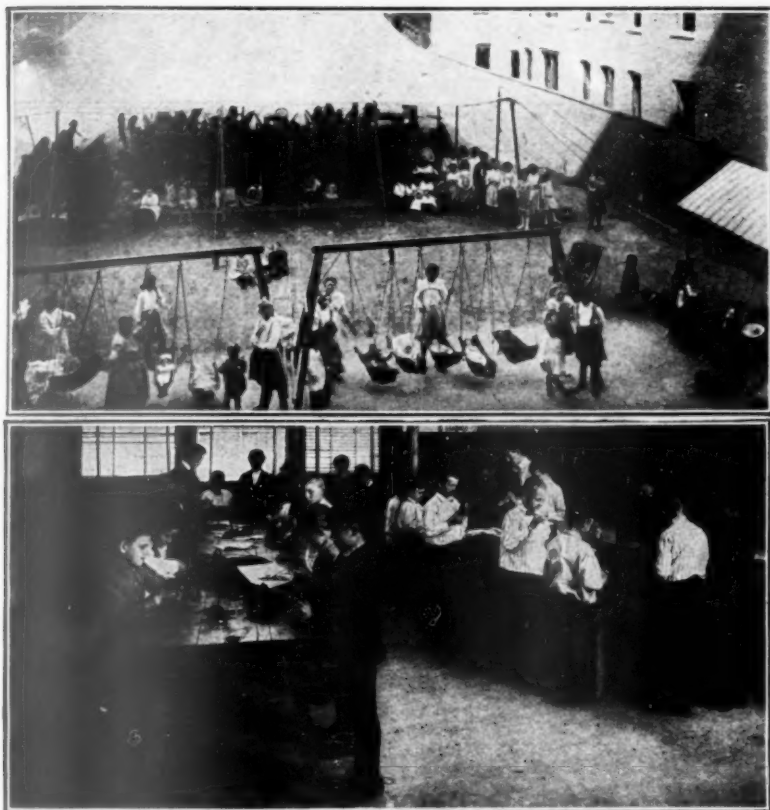
ORGANIZATION.

5. Organize a committee for raising funds and for administering the work and guide the administration of this committee.
6. Find a local leader who will carry the burden of the work and make it a success.

PROMOTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

7. Organize and supervise the work until it is running smoothly and then give advice and stimulus from time to time.

CLARK W. HETHERINGTON, *Director.*



BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAY SCHOOLS, CITY OF NEW YORK.

"For children think very much the same thoughts and dream the same dreams as bearded men and marriageable women. . . . Fame and honor, the love of young men and the love of mothers, the business man's pleasure in method, all these and others they anticipate and rehearse in their play hours."—ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

The following extract from the *London Spectator*, July 6, 1907, will show what the London Council of the Boys' Brigade is doing:

Last summer 2,768 London boys out of a membership of seven thousand were able to taste the delights of a week or ten days under canvas, and a larger number still are hoping to be present this year. While the boys themselves, by saving up their spare pence during the winter months, contribute over one-half the cost of the camps, a large sum is needed to supplement their payments. The cost per boy is about fifteen shillings. Thus every pound contributed will enable *three boys*, who would otherwise perforce spend such holiday as they receive in listless idleness in the hot and arid streets of the Metropolis, to join with their comrades in the joys of a week by the sea. No better method could be devised for teaching the boys the duty of sinking the wishes of the individual in the commonweal, for inculcating the true spirit of comradeship, and for putting into practice those principles of manly Christianity for the advancement of which the Brigade exists.

JOHN M. MOODY, Major-General (Retired).
Paternoster House, 34 Paternoster Row, E.C.



FREDERICK GREELEY, PRESIDENT PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION
OF CHICAGO.

Mr. Greeley is President of the Association which made the first annual convention of the Playground Association of America a great success. During the last year Playground Associations have been organized in Washington, Philadelphia, Chicago, Springfield, and other cities.

The Playground

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For list of sustaining members, 1907, see page 10

By arrangement at the last meeting of the local quorum of the Executive Committee, the September issue, No. 6, of THE PLAYGROUND, will be edited by Mrs. Tunis G. Bergen, of the Executive Committee, one of the pioneer workers for parks and playgrounds, who has devoted much of her time and means for a series of years to this and to other charitable work, and whose assistance in editing previous numbers of THE PLAYGROUND has been highly appreciated.

The August number of *Charities and The Commons*, Volume XVIII., No. 18, August 3d, contains the official report of the first national playground convention, with copies of all the speeches. A splendid number with twenty-one papers, thirty-three cuts, ninety-six pages, devoted to play from all view-points, *Charities* for August will long be the book of reference on this subject. The reader will find this the best presentation this field of labor and sympathy has yet received.

The Editor again calls attention to the desirability of organizing for the summer of 1908 systems of camps in the outskirts of the metropolis and other great cities for the benefit of boys living in densest America. A system for New York City of a hundred camps, each for the accommodation of two hundred and fifty boys, would prove a great blessing to the boys and the community in making for better citizenship. (See bottom of page 5.)

SOUTH PARK SYSTEM—

CHICAGO'S SOUTH PARK SYSTEM OF PLAY- GROUNDS.

By E. B. DEGROOT, PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

This system has not only exemplified a new type of park design and service, but it has added new significance to the term "play-ground."

Perusal of the matter contained in the 1905 and 1906 Annual Reports, issued by the South Park Commissioners, convinces one that the work of this park commission is nothing short of epoch-making.

The well-defined movement that is being carried forward for the social and physical betterment of the masses is comparable only with the best that the Social Settlements, Y. M. C. A.'s, school and college gymnasiums and German Turner Organizations have attempted in their respective fields of operation. In fact, the type of architecture and construction shown in the buildings, and the assembly halls, rapidly becoming public forums in each park community, suggest comparison with the ancient Greek and Roman institutions of similar character.

Such a comparison shows a great difference only in ideals. The equipment of the ancients was for use of the "freemen" only; the training in the gymnasiums was of a distinctly individualistic order—a preparation for offensive combat. The equipment in these playgrounds and gymnasiums is for the use of the humblest servant, as well as for the man of wealth or leisure. "Team work" and the subordination of one's self for the good of the group, based on our best physiological and sociological principles, is the key-note governing the training in these gymnasiums. The individuals, representing various nationalities and grades of social conditions, play the same athletic games together for the honor and glory of a common name—the neighborhood, park and centre.

The assembly halls and club rooms are open as public forums, dance, lecture and music halls for "undistinguished" orators, lecturers, musicians, and groups of people of any birth, country or creed. That there was a place—a social and physical gap for just such a civic agency for the improvement of the health and happiness of the Chicago people—is demonstrated by the fact that during the past year, in ten small parks, more than 31,000 different individuals enrolled for and did systematic indoor gymnasium work; 2,278,847 was the attendance record for the out-door gymnasiums and playgrounds of people who made actual use of the facilities; 806,032 people took shower baths; 765,299 bathed in the swimming pools in four months; 214,773 made use of the assembly halls and club-rooms; 429,312 people ate in the lunch-rooms, and 608,274 people made use of the reading-rooms.

The attendance records for actual use of all facilities was 5,473,695.

—FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE FINANCES OF THE PLAYGROUND ASSO- CIATION OF AMERICA.

The treasurer of the Playground Association of America resigned his position on the first of February in order to make a trip to Japan and China. Up to that time the receipts of the Association had been \$415.10, the expenditures \$413.23, leaving a balance on hand February 1st of \$1.87, which was turned over to the present incumbent of the position.

The total receipts of the Association to date have been as follows:

From Patrons	\$800.00
From Sustaining Members.....	485.00
From Associate Members.....	315.00
From Journal Members.....	250.20
From Council Members.....	156.00
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Making a total from memberships of.....	\$2,006.20
From extra contributions.....	49.97
From advertising.....	108.33
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Total receipts to date.....	\$2,164.50
On hand for the Jamestown Exposition.....	3,000.00
In sight from advertising.....	2,600.00
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Making total receipts for the year.....	\$7,764.50

EXPENSES.

The expenses of the year have been:

Press clippings	\$ 20.00
Appeal letters	46.34
Travelling expenses of Secretary.....	77.50
Stationery and printing.....	454.45
General Postage.....	235.38
Salary of Secretary.....	200.00
Clerical assistance	178.65
Miscellaneous expenses, telegrams, etc.....	59.26
Expenses of magazine:	
Printing	\$215.44
Postage	150.00
Clerical assistance.....	50.00
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Total	\$415.44
Making total expenditures of.....	\$1,687.02
Leaving a balance on hand of.....	\$477.48

Beside these there are outstanding bills on THE PLAYGROUND amounting to about \$350, and \$650 is now due for advertising, making an actual balance on hand of about \$780.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. CURTIS,

Assistant Treasurer.

June 18, 1907.

FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION—

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18, 1907.

DR. LUTHER H. GULICK, PRESIDENT PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

SIR:—As committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Playground Association of America, I have the honor to report that I have made careful examination of the accounts of the Treasurer from the date of the organization of the Association, covering the accounts of Mr. John B. Sleman, Treasurer, up to February 1, 1907, when he went abroad, and the accounts of Dr. Henry S. Curtis, who has acted as Treasurer since the latter date.

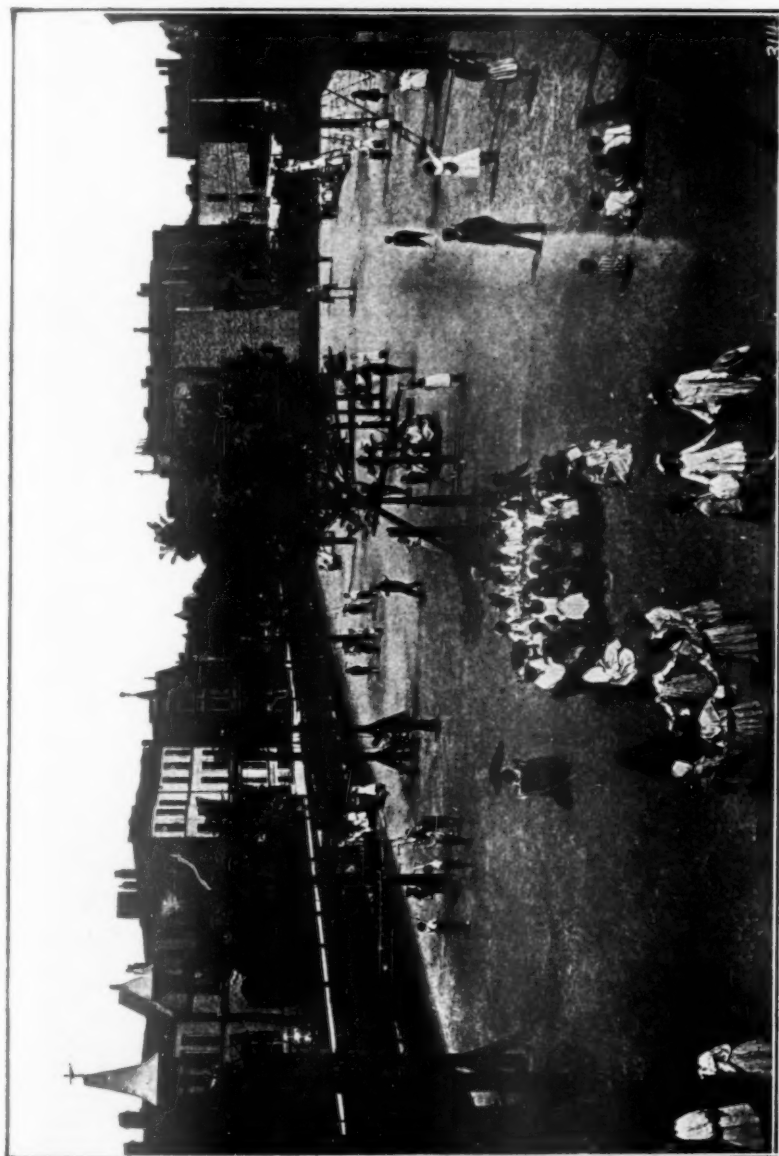
I have compared the receipts of the Association charged against the Treasurers with the dues indicated as paid in the membership books, and have examined vouchers covering all expenditures and verified the balance indicated as now in bank. I find the said accounts to be correct, and the indicated balance on hand.

Very respectfully,

FRED G. COLDREN,
Auditing Committee.

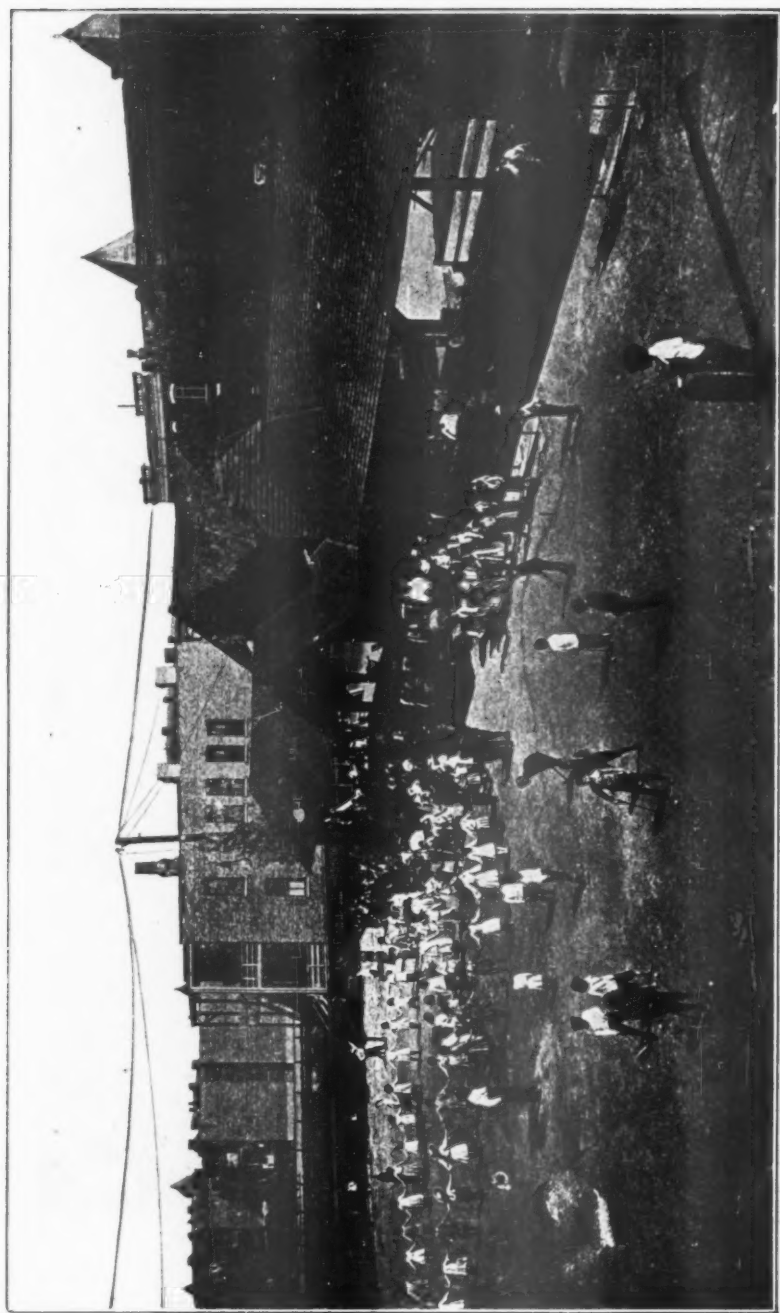
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Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
Dr. Annie J. Anderson.....	\$10.00	J. L. Hudson.....	\$10.00
Joshua L. Baily.....	10.00	Mrs. Richard M. Hoe.....	10.00
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ADAMS MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND, CHICAGO.

Morning play ; instructing a class in raffia weaving ; picture provided by A. W. O'Neill, Secretary, Special Park Commission, Chicago.



McLAREN MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND, CHICAGO.

Kindergarten exercise and croquet playing in the field ; picture provided by A. W. O'Neill, Secretary, Special Park Commission, Chicago.

—JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION

The Playground Association of America is conducting, through August and September, a playground exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. Mr. Robert Bradstreet is General Director, with several assistants. The illustrated lecture from 11 to 12 noon and the literature for distribution are in the Social Economy Building. The playground adjoins the Mothers' Congress.

A LEGACY OF PLAY.

Mr. Lawrence Veiller, chairman of the New York delegation to the Playground Convention in Chicago, appointed by Mayor McClellan, called the attention of the members present at one of the meetings to the following will, as printed in the *New York Times*:

I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order, as justly as may be, to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposal of in this my will.

My right to live, being but a life-estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath:

Item : I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise, and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly and generously, as the needs of their children may require.

Item : I leave to children, inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every, the flowers of the fields, and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely, according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children, the banks of the brooks, and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the moon and the train of the milky way to wonder at, but subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

Item : I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played ; all pleasant waters where one may swim ; all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate ; to have and to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof ; the woods and their appurtenances ; the squirrels and birds, and echoes and strange noises, and all distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without any incumbrance of care.

Item : To lovers, I devise their imaginary world with whatever they may need : as the stars of the sky ; the red roses by the wall ; the bloom of the hawthorn ; the sweet strains of music and aught else they may desire to figure to each other ; the lastingness and beauty of their love.

Item : To young men, jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I give to them the power to make lasting friendships, and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and brave choruses, to sing with lusty voices.

Item : And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory, and I bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live over the old days again, freely and fully, without tithe or diminution.

Item : To our loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

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2. *Journal Members*.—To receive the journal of the Association, but without vote or eligibility to office; fee, one dollar for the calendar year.

3. *Associate Members*—To receive publications of the Association; fee, five dollars or more, for the calendar year.

4. *Sustaining Members*—To receive publications of the Association; fee, ten dollars or more, for the calendar year.

5. *Council Members*—Officers, Executive Committee, Superintendents of Playground Systems, Founders of Playgrounds, and persons elected by local organizations to this position in accordance with the Constitution; fee, two dollars annually.

6. *Honorary Members*—Persons connected in some distinguished way with the cause, and elected by the Council.

All dues are for the calendar year in which dues are paid, unless another calendar year is indicated by the member at the time of payment.

7. *Patrons*—All subscribing \$100 or more for any one calendar year.

8. *Life Members*—All subscribing \$1,000 or more in any one calendar year.

All dues and contributions include subscription to the monthly journal, *The Playground*.

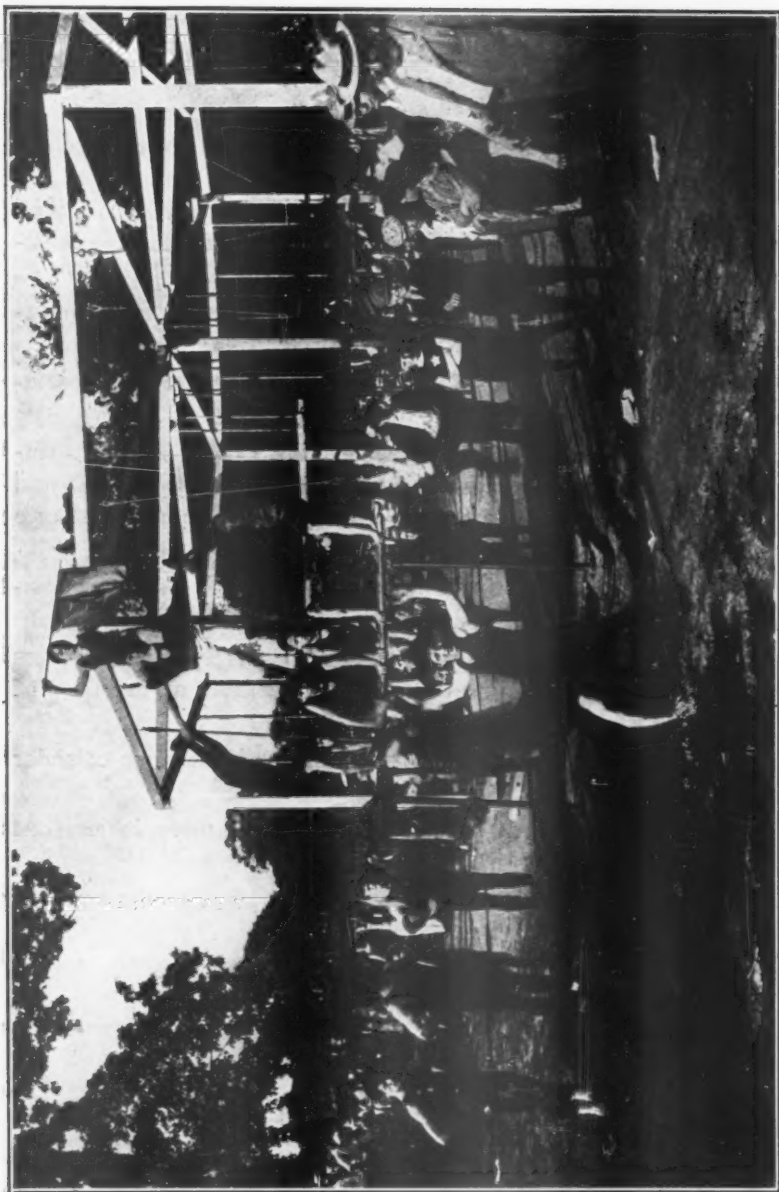
The names of life members will be published in each number of the magazine.

The lists of sustaining and associate members will be printed in the December number.

The class of patron members has just been organized. The names appear in the present and subsequent numbers.

Any organization in which there are not less than ten Journal Members or other members paying annual dues is entitled to one representative in the Council.

All inquiries should be made to the Secretary and Asst. Treasurer, Dr. Henry S. Curtis, 205 Ouray Building, Washington, D. C.



BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAYGROUND, OROTONA PARK, NEW YORK CITY.

The steel frames are now preferred to the wooden frame formerly used for out-door gymnasia.